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MENT OF OFFENDERS: SEPT 8

BEGIN SUMMARY. SUPPORT OF CANADIAN IDEA TO EXCHANGE PAROLEES
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARD MINIMUM RULES WERE CONSIDERED
IN SECTION IV OF CONGRESS. BOTH WIDELY ACCEPTED BY DELS.
U.S. NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO SURVEY SUBMITTED TO UN 78 PERCENT OF
RULES WERE IMPLEMENTED AND 14 PERCENT PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED.
SECTION V REVIEWED COSTS OF CRIME AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LESS
COSTLY MORE
EFFECTIVE RESEARCH. LESS ELABORATE CRIME CONTROL METHODS ALSO
STRESSED. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION IV-AGENDA ITEM 8(C) STANDARD MINIMUM RULES IN THE
CLIMATE OF CHANGE. TWENTY-FIVE DELEGATIONS, PLUS NGO'S AND
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS, MADE INTERVENTIONS ON THIS ITEM IN AM
AND PM SESSIONS SEPT 8. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE
OF IDEA PROPOSED BY CANADIANS (SEE GENEVA 6872) TO WORK OUT
SYSTEM FOR
RETURN OF PAROLEES FROM HOME COUNTRY. EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT
CAME FROM,AMONG OTHERS, INDIA, TURKEY, AND NEW ZEALAND.
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THERE WAS SOME DIVERGENCE OVER WHETHER STANDARD MINIMUM

RULES ARE OUT OF DATE AND NEED AMENDMENT (SWEDEN, FRANCE, SPAIN) OR WHETHER IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE SMR ALONG BUT TRY TO BROADEN SCOPE BY MEANS OF COMMENTARIES AND GLOSSES (UK, NEW ZEALAND, BOLIVIA). USDEL (KUTAK) DESCRIBED US IMPLEMENTATION OF SMR WHICH, ACCORDING TO SURVEY INFORMATION ALREADY SUBMITTED TO UN, AMOUNTED TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF 78PERCENT OF RULES AND PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF 14PERCENT.

2. ONLY STRICTLY POLITICAL NOTE WAS SOVIET OBJECTION TO MENTION OF WHILE IN SECT WORKING PAPER SINCE, ACCORDING TO SOVDEL, CHILE IS SCENE OF FASCIST TORTURES AND OUGHT NOT TO BE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE IMPLEMENTING THE SMR (CHILE, WHICH IS NOT ON LIST OF DELS REPRESENTED

AT CONGRESS, IS MENTIONED ONLY IN ANNEX OF WORKING PAPER IN LIST OF COUNTRIES RESPONDING TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SMR). CUBA ECHOED THIS LINE IN PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL TERMS.

3. SECTION IV-AGENDA ITEM 8(D) PROTECTION OF ALL DETAINEES AGAINST TORTURE AND OTHER INHUMAN TREATMENT. DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM GOT UNDERWAY LATE AFTERNOON SEPT 8. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP DEALING WITH DUTCH-SWEDISH TEXT REPORTED ON REDRAFT. HE MADE POINT THAT DOCUMENT HAS NO JURIDICAL STATUS IN THAT IT IMPOSES NO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS, ONLY MORAL ONES, AND FOR THIS REASON CONTAINS NO SANCTIONS. TWO BRIEF AMEDEMMENTS TO TEXT REPORTED GENEVA 6818 WERE OFFERED ORALLY BY DRAFTING GROUP CHAIRMAN. THESE WOULD ADD PHRASE "BY OR AT THE INSTIGATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL" AFTER "IS INTENTIONALLY INFLICTEDZ IN ART 1 AND AFTER "HAS BEEN COMMITTED" IN ART 11, IN ORDER TO CONFORM THESE ARTICLES TO FORMULATION CONTAINED IN ART 8. TWENTY-EIGHT DELS ARE INSCRIBED TO SPEAK AM SEPT 9, INCLUDING USDEL, WHICH WILL REGISTER SUPPORT FOR DECLARATION.

4. SECTION V-SUBSEC (B) ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIME. UN CONSULTANT (SULLIVAN) INTRODUCED TOPIC. SEVERAL DELS SPOKE ON THE ISSUE STRESSING USEFULNESS OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS. OTHERS SAID THAT CRIME ABATEMENT MAY NEVER COME ABOUT BY THE USE OF COMPLEX RESEARCH METHODS. RESEARCH MUST ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS IF IT IS TO BE USEFUL FOR ALL SECTIONS OF GOVT. AUSTRALIAN DEL EMPHASIZED NEED TO USE DATA COLLECTED BY POLICE IN A COUNTRY'S OVERALL SOCIAL PLANNING.

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5. UN CONSULTANT SULLIVAN LIKENED THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO A LARGE INDUSTRY WHERE LEADERS SHOULD KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE DOING AT EVERY STEP OF DEVELOPMENT. HE MENTIONED USE OF SYSTEMS PLANNING IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND RECOMMENDED LINKAGES BE USED RATHER THAN THE STANDARD SYSTEM OF PPBS. ALSO STRESSED NEED TO TRAIN MANAGERS TO THINK CLEARLY.

6. PANELIST LEJINS(USDEL) MADE A VALIAN EFFORT TO ASSESS THE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE THEORETICAL AND PRAGMATIC APPROACHES TO RESEARCH. MAIN POINT WAS THAT MUCH OF WHAT WE DO TODAY IS BASED UPON THEORETICAL RATHER THAN RESEARCH JUSTIFICATION. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EXPENSIVE RESEARCH NEED NOT BE THE ONLY METHODS.

7. ITEM (C) PLANNING TO MINIMIZE AND REDISTRIBUTE COSTS OF CRIME. NIGERIA AND SAUDI ARABIA SPOKE TO THE EXCESSIVE COST OF RESEARCH. OTHER DELS FELT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD SHARE EXPERIENCES. USDEL BRANDSTATTER FELT UNIVERSITIES SHOULD BE CALLED UPON MORE OFTEN FOR SETTING UP SPECIFIC RESEARCH UNITS. HE SAID THIS MIGHT BE A WAY OF REDUCING COSTS OF RESEARCH. NETHERLANDS DEL SAID NO ACCURATE CRIME STATISTICS EXIST AND RECOMMENDED MORE VICTIM SURBEYS TO ASSESS THE ACCURATE RATE OF CRIME. UN CONSULTANT SULLIVAN EMPHASIZED THAT LDC'S COULD LEARN FROM MISTAKES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CONSULTANT CLINARD SAID THAT OUR CONTROLS ARE NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS CORRECT. REMOVING GUNS FROM A NON-VIOLENT SOCIETYIS UNCECESSARY. WE SHOULD LEARN TO REDUCE THE VIOLENCE AS SWITZERLAND HAS AND GUNS BECOME UNIMPORTANT. POVERTY IS NOT THE PROBLEM WHICH CAUSES CRIME AFFLUENCE IS THE PROBLEM IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

8. AFRICAN NATIONS NIGERIA AND KENYA FELT RESEARCH RESULTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND NOT JUST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

9. UN CONSULTANT ROBERT FELT THAT SYSTEMS DEVELOPED BY OTHER RESEARCH EFFORTS OUTSIDE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WERE NOT VALID FOR CJS. UN CONSULTANT CLINARD ASSERTED HIGH CRIME RATE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS RESULT OF POOR PLANNING AND NOT RESPONDING TO SOCIAL ISSUES. BETTER STREET LIGHTS AND ALARM SYSTEMS WOULD REDUCE CRIME. ALSO CURBING GROWTH OF CITIES (WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE IVORY COAST IS DOING), CONTROLLING EDUCATION INPUT AND WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 25/6 YEARS OF AGE TEACHING THEM TO AVOID PARTICIPATING IN CRIMINAL ACTS.

10. DELEGATES OF MANY NATIONS DESCRIBED THEIR PROJECTS AND AGENCIES FOR SOCIAL DEFENSE PLANNING. LEJINS SUGGESTED BETTER AND MORE EXPLICIT STRUCTURE FOR THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY LOCATING COMMON DENOMINATORS IN THE SYSTEMS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT GENERALLY USEFUL INFORMATION.

11. USDEL (FINCH) CLOSED MEETING WITH PLEA FOR INTERNATIONAL REPORTING AND FULL PUBLICITY ON WHITE COLLAR AND ORGANIZED CRIME. ABRAMS

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